Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the objection and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Initially, it is noted that claims 1-20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 39, 43, 47 and 48 have been allowed and claims 50, 54 and 58 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 50, 54 and 58 have been objected to for including the term "computer-readable medium." The objection indicates that the specification lacks clear support or antecedent basis for this language.

Regarding the objection, the Examiner's attention is brought to page 10, line 21 – page 11, line 3 of the clean version of the substitute specification filed on October 7, 2005, which recites that the present invention includes a recording medium which is readable for a computer. While this portion of the specification does not explicitly recite the term "computer-readable medium", it clearly provides support for this term. Further, this paragraph of the specification has been amended so as to include the specific term "computer-readable medium." Therefore, this term is now explicitly supported in the specification. No new matter has been added by this amendment. As a result, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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